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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 15, 2002. As February 15, 2003 fell on a Saturday and Monday, February 17, 2003 was a Federal holiday, the fee for a onemonth extension of time is included herewith.

Please add the following claims:

2. The method of claim 1, wherein a portion of the laser spot misses the seam,

further comprising redirecting the portion of the laser spot onto the seam.

- 3. The method of claim 1, wherein said effective laser spot size ranges from two to four times the size of said seam.
- 4. The method of claim 1, wherein said laser beam is produced by a laser selected from the group consisting of Nd:YAG, Nd:Glass, Nd:YVO, CO, CO2, Cr:Ruby, diode laser, diode pumped laser, and derivatives thereof.

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